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SUBJECT: NCAP 76: GRANT FOR CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.,
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1. MACARAIG'S VISIT DISCUSSED WITH ASSOCIATE DEAN PIERCE OF MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL. WHEN INFORMED MACARAIG WOULD ARRIVE US O/A MAY 26, PIERCE INDICATED THAT MICHIGAN COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES WITH USUAL ACADEMIC PROCESSIONS ETC WILL TAKE PLACE MAY 1, WHILE LAW SCHOOL'S SMALLER AND LOWER-KEYED SENIOR DAY IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 15. LAW SCHOOL SUMMER SCHOOL RESUMES SOME TWO WEEKS LATER, USUALLY WITH CONSIDERABLY REDUCED NUMBER OF STUDENTS AND INSTRUCTORS IN RESIDENCE.

2. PIERCE INDICATED THAT IF MACARAIG WISHED TO VISIT MICHIGAN DURING SUMMER SCHOOL PERIOD, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE SPECIAL MEETINGS FOR HIM, POSSIBLY INCLUDING ASSEMBLING RETIRED LAW SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS, WHO MAY HAVE BEEN TEACHING THERE DURING YEARS WHEN MACARAIG TOOK HIS
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DEGREE.

3. ALSO, PIERCE MENTIONED THAT AMERICAN LAW INSTITUTE WOULD BE CONVENING IN WASHINGTON MAY 18-21. BOTH MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL DEAN THEODORE ST. ANTOINE AND DEAN PIERCE WOULD BE ATTENDING THAT MEETING, WHICH TYPICALLY ATTRACTS LEADING AMERICAN LAWYERS, EDUCATORS AND JUDGES. PRESUMING MACARAIG WOULD BE COMING TO WASHINGTON IN ANY CASE, HE THOUGHT THIS MIGHT PROVIDE HIM WITH INTERESTING EXPOSURE TO CONTEMPORARY LEADERS OF AMERICAN BAR.

4. FOR USEFUL INVOLVEMENT IN ANY OF FOREGOING, APPEARS THAT MACARAIG WOULD HAVE TO ARRIVE IN THE U.S. CONSIDERABLY EARLIER THAN INDICATED IN REF B. IS THAT POSSIBLE? FROM APPROACHES THUS FAR, WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT MICHIGAN AUTHORITIES ARE LIKELY TO PROFFER AN HONORARY DEGREE, BUT THEY ARE APPARENTLY WILLING TO EXTEND APPROPRIATE HOSPITALITY AND RECOGNITION TO MACARAIG. SISCO

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